

Resolution No. 6 January 7, 2015

Urging The United States Congress Prohibit The United States Postal Service From Closing Or Consolidating The Mail Processing Center Located In Newburgh, New York

Majority Leader Gregorius and Minority Leader Ronk and Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Briggs, Donaldson, Greene, Loughran, John Parete, Richard Parete, Provenzano, Rodriguez, and Wishnick offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has advanced plans to close or consolidate the Mid-Hudson Processing and Distribution Center (MHPDC) located in Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, the closure of this facility would result in the severe delay of all classes of mail delivery in Ulster County as well as the Mid-Hudson region; and

WHEREAS, the delay in mail delivery would negatively affect residents and local businesses, thereby harming our community; and

WHEREAS, the closure would cause the degradation of service standards to a point that would result in the virtual elimination of overnight delivery of first class mail; and

WEHREAS, the closure of MHPDC is not in the best interest of the public; and

WHEREAS, federal law provides “The Postal Service shall have as its basic function the obligation to provide postal services to bind the Nation together through personal, educational, literary, and business correspondence of the people. It shall provide prompt, reliable and efficient services to patrons in all areas and shall render postal services to all communities,” [39 U.S.C. §101(a)]; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature hereby requests and urges the United States Congress to stop the proposal to close or consolidate the Mid-Hudson Processing and Distribution Center; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to United States Senator Charles Schumer, United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Christopher Gibson and the Postmaster General,

and move its adoption.

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 3
(Noes: Legislators Belfiglio, Maio and Ronk)
(Absent: Legislator Gerentine)

Passed Committee: Committee of the Whole on January 7, 2015

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Richard Parete, to replace “The United States Congress” with “The Obama Administration” in the resolution title, and add “United States President Barack H. Obama” to the final RESOLVED.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 11 NOES: 11
(AYES: Legislators Belfiglio, Briggs, Fabiano, Litts, Lopez, Maio, Maloney, Richard Parete, Roberts, Ronk, and Wawro)
(Absent: Legislator Gerentine)

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 7th Day of January in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 9th Day of January in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
12th Day of January, 2015.

Approved by the County Executive this
16th Day of January, 2015.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

|s| Michael P. Hein
Michael P. Hein, County Executive